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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MARR, KS, AS
SUBJECT: UN COMMAND REAR

1. IN COURSE OF CALL ON AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD BY AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR MENADUE, ARRANGED AT LATTER'S REQUEST, AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN UN COMMAND REAR, NOTING THAT BRITISH OFFICER ASSIGNED TO UNCR HAD DEPARTED LAST MONTH. WHILE WE WERE FORTUNATE THAT THIRD-COUNTRY PRESENCE HAD BEEN MAINTAINED BY UNEXPECTED ASSIGNMENT OF PHILIPPINE OFFICER, AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD OBSERVED THAT MORE REGULARIZED AND PREDICTABLE SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING THIRD-COUNTRY PRESENCE SEEMED ADVISABLE. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ASSIGN OFFICER WHO IN FACT SPENT TIME IN LANGUAGE TRAINING AT FSI SCHOOL IN YOKOHAMA. OFFICER'S UNCR DESIGNATION WOULD NOT IMPINGE HEAVILY UPON HIS STUDIES, AND JAPANESE WOULD NOT QUESTION ARRANGEMENT. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT EVENTUALLY SOME SORT OF COMMONWEALTH ROTATION MIGHT BE CONSIDERED, WITH CANADIAN AND PERHAPS UK AND NEW ZEALAND PARTICIPATION.

2. AMBASSADOR MENADUE SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH PROBLEM, RECALLING DISCUSSIONS LAST SPRING IN ANTICIPATION OF
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BRITISH OFFICER'S DEPARTURE. HE OBSERVED THAT NONCOMMITAL GOA ATTITUDE REFLECTED DIVERGENCE OF OPINION WITHIN GOVERNMENT, WITH DEFENSE RECOGNIZING BENEFITS OF PRESERVING UN SOFA AND RECOMMENDING PARTICIPATION, WHILE MOFA WAS WARY OF POSSIBLE EFFECTS UPON RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. MENADUE SAID HIS EMBASSY FAVORED AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION AND HAD SO RECOMMENDED. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT CANBERRA HAD

RECEIVED IMPRESSION LAST TIME AROUND THAT U.S. "WAS NOT
PUSHING VERY HARD," AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS HAD CONTRIBUTED
TO GOA INDECISION. MENADUE SAID HE WOULD CONVEY OUR
MESSAGE TO CANBERRA, BUT THOUGHT CHANCES OF FAVORABLE
ACTION WOULD BE MUCH ENHANCED IF THERE WERE DIRECT USG
APPROACH TO GOA IN CANBERRA. MANSFIELD

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